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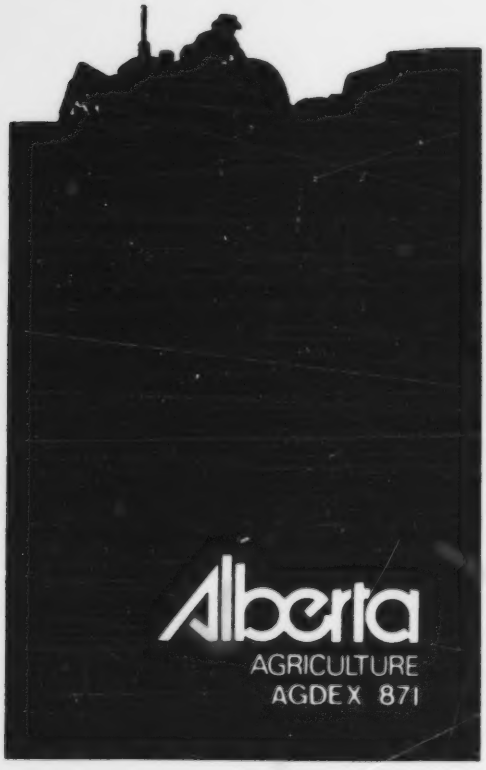

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PREFACE

Government assistance programs for the agricultural producer are numerous and constantly changing. These programs take various forms. To help the Alberta farmer keep abreast of the programs this publication lists various financial and management assistance programs currently available to the agricultural producers of this province.

Each financial assistance program is briefly described, outlining eligibility criteria and where to apply. In addition to the financial assistance programs, other management assistance programs are briefly described under the section "Additional Programs Available to Alberta Farmers". This listing, far from complete, provides an indication of the variety of government services available to Alberta farmers. A separate publication which describes agricultural credit programs "Sources of Farm Business Credit in Alberta", Agdex 832, is available from Print Media Branch, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6.

It is expected that this publication will be useful to farmers who wish to become aware of the assistance opportunities available or who wish to determine their eligibility for programs offered. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy as of January, 1988. Because of the continual changes that are taking place with respect to these programs, the details are subject to change at any time. More detailed and current information on these programs should be obtained from the agencies accepting applications.

This publication is revised on a regular basis. Any ideas regarding changes in the contents of this publication would be appreciated.

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AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD GRANTS

PURPOSE - To assist rural municipalities to develop agricultural programs and to administer related provincial acts.

The objectives of the Department of Agriculture in agriculture service board funding are to participate with local governments in:

- hiring of personnel to carry out agriculture service board programs
- carrying out programs or projects related to both provincial and local agriculture priorities which will preserve and improve our agriculture production capability
- introducing the farming public to the latest in agriculture production techniques developed at the local, provincial or national level
- strengthening the independence and capability of the farmers to deal with factors affecting agriculture production, such as soil conservation and pest control.
- developing a balanced agriculture program which will assist farmers in meeting the requirements of provincial acts and in providing the manpower and funds for act enforcement when necessary.

TERMS - Each board develops and carries out programs designed to meet the needs of its district. Provincial grants are provided in relationship to provincially defined priorities and for defined and regionally approved local priority programs. Grant amounts are allocated to boards in response to requests and under a memorandum of agreement. Budget allocations are subject to annual approval.

Grants apply to all costs incurred in the conduct of any project including purchase of materials; rental of land, facilities or equipment; custom work and labor. Up to 60% of total cost (unless specified otherwise in the program guidelines) will be assumed by the Department with the remainder to be assumed by the municipality and/or farmer. Capital purchases require prior approval. Equipment purchased for rental to farmers is not eligible for maintenance assistance since the rental charge should offset this expense. Trucks and roadside spraying equipment are assisted on a rental basis only. Chemicals used on private land are not eligible for cost sharing except for demonstration.

NOTE - During the current period of economic restraint, grants to local municipalities are limited to established levels.

Some projects which may be carried out include:

- providing specialized equipment such as portable scales, pumping equipment, grass seeders and sprayers, on a rental basis to producers
- persistent perennial weed control programs
- soil erosion prevention and soil reclamation programs
- on farm water management programs
- roadside backsloping and seeding programs
- shelterbelt and horticultural beautification programs
- extension and demonstration programs to explain and illustrate new technology in crop and livestock production and weed, disease and pest control methods

- forage crop improvement and management demonstration programs
- beaver flood control.

AVAILABLE TO - rural municipalities.

APPLY TO - local agricultural service board

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

BEGINNING FARMER PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist individuals to establish farms on an owned land base.

TERMS - Loans of up to $200,000 are provided for productive farm assets at the Corporation's preferred lending rate for up to the first ten years of the loan. Loans are amortized to a maximum of 30 years and are reviewed on a 5 year basis. Provided the borrower complies with the terms and conditions of the Beginning Farmer Program, he/she is eligible for an incentive to be credited each year for the first 5 year term of the loan. Clients now have the option of phasing into the Beginning Farmer Loan Program in up to three stages rather than obtaining a one-time only loan.

AVAILABLE TO - Beginning farmers who have assets of less than $350,000 and a net worth of less than $175,000 after the loan is provided and who have not previously operated a viable unit on an owned land base.

APPLY TO - Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation district loans officer

CROP, PASTURE and SOIL PROGRAMS

CROPS

ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR CROPS ACT (APCA)

PURPOSE - To assist farmers producing storable crops to improve their marketing pattern and timing of sales.

TERMS - For storable crops grown in Canada, excepting wheat, oats and barley, the act provides:
- eligible producer groups with guaranteed interest free loans to make advance payments to their members
- individual producer with advances of up to $30,000 for all crops produced each year (partnerships and corporations up to $90,000).

AVAILABLE TO - Producer organizations which are legal entities, produce a sizeable portion of the crop within a designated area, show they have the managerial and financial resources to operate the program and do not take ownership of the producer's crop immediately after harvest.

APPLY TO - Legislated Marketing Programs Div.
Policy Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

OR

Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

CROP DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

PURPOSE - To encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified crops sector in Canadian agriculture; to evaluate crops, varieties and production techniques; to assist in the development of new crops, and to accelerate the adoption of new crops and technologies.

TERMS - For crops with a reasonable chance of commercial success, grants are provided to cover 75% of project cost to a maximum of $500,000. Projects to establish a specific commercial enterprise are not eligible.

AVAILABLE TO - commercial organizations, industrial or producer organizations, universities and other non-profit organizations and provincial and territorial agencies.

APPLY TO - Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENT ACT (PGAPA)

PURPOSE - The Prairie Grain Advance Payment Act (PGAPA) is designed to assist western grain producers of wheat, oats and barley in meeting their short term monetary commitments by providing interest-free cash advances when quota delivery opportunities are restricted. Agriculture Canada further guarantees the repayment of 98% of the advances made by the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Act provides for:
- orderly marketing of wheat, oats and barley in the Canadian Wheat Board designated area
- improved cash flow position of producers at harvest time
- reduced elevator congestion at harvest time.

Individual producers named in a permit book can receive up to $30,000 under the Act. Partnerships, cooperatives and corporations with two or more shareholders, partners or members named in the permit book can qualify for up to the maximum of $90,000. Advance rates approximate 66-2/3% of the initial payment that will be payable for the prescribed grade of grain in that crop year.

AVAILABLE TO - All producers growing wheat, oats and barley within the area designated by the Canadian Wheat Board and who have a permit book for the current crop year.

APPLY TO - Legislated Marketing Programs Div.
Policy Branch
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

or

Canadian Wheat Board
423 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 2P5
Phone: (204) 949-6050
or local elevator agents

ALBERTA CROW BENEFIT OFFSET PROGRAM (previously named the Alberta Feed Grain Market Adjustment Program)

PURPOSE - This program is designed to offset the distortion in feed grain prices which livestock producers face as a result of the current method of paying the federal "Crow" benefit.

Whether livestock producers buy or grow their feed grain, they are eligible to benefit in the amount of $13 for every tonne of grain they feed, up to an allowable limit.

TERMS - The program has two options. Livestock producers can apply for one or both options.

Option I - The Certificate Option is for livestock producers who are net purchasers of feed grain that is consumed as livestock feed within the province of Alberta
Option II - The Farm Fed Option is for livestock producers who both produce and feed their feed grains.

Those livestock producers who feed both farm-grown and purchased feed grains can register under both options.

AVAILABLE TO - All feed grain users feeding eligible grain to livestock in Alberta.

APPLY TO - Contact your local district agriculturist

NOTE - This program starts July 1, 1987 and is funded to March 31, 1988.

EXHIBITORS' ASSISTANCE AT ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR - FIELD CROPS

PURPOSE - To increase interest and encourage exhibiting at the Royal Winter Fair.

TERMS - An honorarium of $200 is provided for any grand champion and $150 for any reserve champion prize won in the pedigreed cereals, oilseeds and forage seed classes.

AVAILABLE TO - Alberta exhibitors with entries in the pedigreed seed section.

APPLY TO: Supervisor, Seed Technology
Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service 47
LACOMBE, Alberta
TOC 1SO
Telephone: 782-4641 or Edmonton: 423-4214

COMPENSATION FOR WILDLIFE DAMAGE TO CROPS

PURPOSE - To compensate individuals whose crops are damaged by wildlife (big game and game birds as defined under the Wildlife Act).

TERMS - Compensation is based on an assessment of damage, as determined by an adjuster for the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation. Compensation is regulated by the provincial Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund Regulations (Wildlife Support Program). Compensation rates are determined annually by the Federal and Provincial governments, in accordance with current levels of crop insurance and crop values.

Compensation for damage caused by waterfowl is cost-shared by the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta and Agriculture Canada. Compensation for damage caused by other animals, such as deer, antelope, elk, moose and bears is provided solely by the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Each claim is subject to a $25 appraisal fee which is refunded if a valid claim results. A claim will not be processed if the damaged area of the crop is harvested, if the crop damage is less than 10% or if the compensation payable is less than $100.

No compensation is paid on grazing lands or for crops that are baled, stacked, or in granaries or bins.

Notice of damage will not be accepted if received more than 15 days after harvesting is completed in an area. In the event that harvesting is not generally completed in an area, all notices of damage must be submitted by producers prior to December 31 of the crop damage year.

AVAILABLE TO - All Alberta crop producers who suffer losses due to wildlife damage, upon payment of a $25 appraisal fee for each section of land or portion thereof on which a claim is being made.

APPLY TO - Claims can be processed through any of the 53 regional or district offices of Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation.

SPECIAL CANADIAN GRAINS PROGRAM - 1987 EXTENSION

PURPOSE - To cushion the Canadian farmers from the impact of the agricultural subsidy war between the European Economic Community and the United States.

TERMS - Canada's grain, specialty crops and oilseed farmers will receive cash payments based on their seeded acreage and regional yields. Payment will also be made on summerfallow acreage. Supplemental payment will be given on irrigated land.

Crops covered by the program are wheat, barley, oats, rye, mixed grains, corn, soybeans, canola, flax, sunflower seeds, dry peas, mustard, lentils, canary seed, safflower, buck wheat, field beans, faba beans, honey, alfalfa for processing pedigreed seed, popcorn and triticale. Grain seeded for silage or green feed, forage seed and hay are EXCLUDED. Farm fed grain is eligible.

Payments will be calculated on the basis of a farmer's seeded acreage of grains, specialty crops and oilseeds, and on representative regional yields derived from crop insurance data.

Under the program the average grain farmer will receive about $5,000 with the maximum payment to an individual producer of $25,000.

The payments will be made in two parts. The first $825 million will be paid to producers by March 31, 1988. Final payment of $275 million will be made by June 30, 1988.

The first cheques sent to Western farmers will be mailed based on Canadian Wheat Board permit book data. These farmers will then be asked to complete application forms. Their final payment will be adjusted as necessary. Farmers who do not have a C.W.B. permit book will need to obtain an application form, complete and submit it.

AVAILABLE TO - Canadian grain, specialty crops and oilseed farmers.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MARCH 16, 1988.

APPLY TO - Western farmers whose crops are not included in permit book data, or any other qualifying farmers who don't receive applications, may pick them up from grain elevators, grain producer organizations, Agriculture Canada regional offices and Farm Credit Corporation offices.

Farmers may also request a form be mailed to them and may obtain additional information by contacting:

Special Canadian Grains Program
Agriculture Canada
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Toll Free Number: 1-800-267-6343
Between 5A.M. and 5 P.M. M.S.T.

or

Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
Room 400
10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 1E2
420-4141
(Not a toll free number)

VEGETABLES

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE COLD STORAGE PROGRAM

See CAMDI (Canadian Agricultural Market Development Initiative) Page 38.

VEGETABLE AND POTATO STORAGE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To improve the productivity and viability of the vegetable industry in Alberta. Loan funds may be used for constructing, modifying or improving new or existing potato and vegetable storage facilities (including ventilation, humidification and refrigeration equipment) and for purchasing specialized produce handling equipment such as bin loading and unloading equipment, graders and vegetable and potato washing, waxing, grading and handling equipment. Motorized mobile equipment is excluded.

TERMS - The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive rebate is $100,000. This is the same for partnerships or individuals.

The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

- 7% or
- one-half the aggregate of 1% and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the first day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

An annual inspection of the facility will be made by the ADC loans officer.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

AVAILABLE TO - Potato growers licensed by the Alberta Potato Commission.
Vegetable growers licensed by the Alberta Fresh Vegetable Marketing Board.

APPLY TO - Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer. If your project is eligible for the incentive, an application needs to be completed.

Funding to complete the project must then be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee or, alternatively a specific guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

*ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

FARMERS'MARKET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist with the development and advertising of farmers' markets as viable outlets for direct sale of producer goods and commodities to the consuming public.

TERMS - Capital assistance of up to $5,000 is available to any one farmers' market over the life of that market. Capital items include building improvements, tables, refrigerators, etc. Annual advertising and promotional assistance is available to farmers' markets.

Funds may be available to any individual or organization which meet the requirements specified in the Farmers' Market Guidelines.

AVAILABLE TO - A community group or organization may sponsor a farmers' market. The sponsoring body may be a group of stallholders, a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Act, or a private firm operating the market on a non-profit basis.

APPLY TO - Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food and Processing Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

PASTURE

RANGE AND SOIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To increase farm and ranch income by assisting and promoting land improvement and development measures that will increase land productivity. Eligible projects include:

- brushing and/or breaking previously uncultivated land for agricultural purposes
- seeding pasture and haylands to suitable tame species on soils with adequate potential
- purchase and application of agricultural lime or marl to reduce soil acidity (a lime requirement soil test is a prerequisite for this purpose)
- deep plowing (18 to 24 inches) of solonetzic soils (prior inspection and approval by Alberta Agriculture soil specialist is required)
- brush control through mechanical or biological means
- fence construction to facilitate grazing rotations and grazing utilization or to facilitate the use of additional areas by grazing animals
- trails to improve animal access (in bush covered areas)
- poisonous plant control and range weed control
- drainage where necessary to develop small depressional areas (approval in writing by Alberta Environment may be required)
- land levelling to facilitate irrigation (this does not include any costs involved with relocating irrigation ditches)
- dugout construction to facilitate summer water supply on pasture (conditional that the dugout not be eligible for assistance under the P.F.R.A. program).

TERMS - The maximum amount of loan eligible for incentive payment is $10,000 for each individual farm or ranch; for partnerships and corporations $10,000 for the first family plus $5,000 for each additional family to a maximum of $20,000. All families must be actively involved in the farming or ranching operation.

The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

- 7% or
- one-half the aggregate of 1% and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the first day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

AVAILABLE TO - All farmers or ranchers who own land in the Province of Alberta.

APPLY TO - Contact your nearest district agriculturist to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive, at which time an application will be completed.

Funding for the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee or, alternatively, a specific guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide incentive to the livestock producer to improve the forage production and utilization of rangelands held under grazing dispositions issued by Forestry, Lands and Wildlife.

TERMS - Holders of grazing dispositions can apply for one or more of the following range improvement programs.

- The cost share funding program involves an agreement between the lessee and the Department of Agriculture. The lessee would be required to fund a portion of the total cost of developments. Department share will not exceed $150/acre on land development projects ($22,000 in total funding by department per lessee). In addition, the lessee receives a rental credit placed against future rental charges to the equivalent of 50% of the actual costs of development. An increase in tenure of lease is also awarded to the lessee if he/she applies under this form of Range Improvement Assistance.
- A disposition rental credit equivalent to 50% of his/her cost of range maintenance projects and certain livestock distribution facilities. An increase in tenure of lease is also awarded to the lessee if he/she applies under this form of Range Improvement Assistance.

*ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

- Another program provides exemption from the increase in rental that normally results from the conversion of low quality rangelands, i.e., brush to tame forage. Under this program the disposition holder may also be permitted to grow cereal or oil seed crops for a specific number of years without payment of cropshare to the Department.

AVAILABLE TO - holders of grazing dispositions issued by Forestry, Lands and Wildlife.

APPLY TO - Range Improvement and Development Section
Public Lands Division
Forestry, Lands & Wildlife
4th Floor, Petroleum Plaza, South Tower
9915 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2C9 Ph. 427-3596

SOILS

AGRICULTURE LIME FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist farmers in acid soil areas with the cost of transporting lime or marl and to promote the development of a provincial agricultural lime industry.

TERMS - The government will pay 80% of the transportation costs of hauling agricultural lime in excess of the $5.50 per tonne and 50% of the cost of transporting marl up to $5.50 per cubic meter. Transportation assistance is based on the producer's receipted invoice of transportation costs. Assistance is available to producers who use their own vehicle to transport lime or marl all or part of the distance from a quarry to their farms.

The maximum rates for commercial carriers is as follows:

up to 200 km.	11¢ per tonne/km.
up to 400 km.	9¢ per tonne/km.
up to 600 km.	7¢ per tonne/km.
more than 600 km. ..	5¢/per tonne/km, except in I.D. 23 where the 7¢ rate applies up to 1,000 km.

Farmers transporting lime for their own use will be allowed 70% of the maximum commercial rate. Maximum assistance is $15,000 per farmer per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

AVAILABLE TO - All farmers requiring lime or marl for land application to reduce soil acidity based on a lime requirement test showing an original soil pH of 6.0 or less.

APPLY TO - local district agriculturist

ALBERTA FARM FERLTILIZER PRICE PROTECTION PLAN

PURPOSE - Fertilizer represents as much as 30% of the cash cost of production. This program is designed to assist Alberta farmers in reducing their crop production costs.

TERMS - Payment will be made based on $50/tonne of actual nitrogen and $25/tonne of actual phosphate contained in fertilizer grades purchased by farmers. Fertilizer must be purchased (from a recognized dealer or agent), paid for and used on farmland in Alberta between August 1, 1984 and July 31, 1988. Application deadline is January 31, 1989.

AVAILABLE TO - individuals, proprietorships, corporations, recognized or unrecognized partnerships and other organizations such as Indian reserves, Metis associations and Hutterite colonies are eligible.

APPLY TO - Application forms may be acquired at your local district agriculturist's office

ENERGY

ALBERTA FARM FUEL DISTRIBUTION ALLOWANCE

PURPOSE - The program is designed to assist Alberta farmers by reducing farm fuel expenses.

TERMS - When an Alberta farmer purchases fuel for the farming operation, the price of purple gasoline, purple diesel fuel and purple heating oil is reduced by 9¢ per litre (approximately 41¢/gal). The farmer is also exempt from 5¢ per litre fuel tax. The reduction is to be shown on the purchase invoice.

AVAILABLE TO - a person engaged in farming operations in Alberta.

APPLY TO - Alberta Treasury, Revenue Administration for a Declaration of Alberta Farmer form. Approved declarations are given an identification number. This number is then to be given to each bulk fuel dealer that the farmer deals with.

The address and telephone number for Revenue Administration is:

9811 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0C8
Phone: 1-800-262-9069 (toll free) or 427-3044, in the Edmonton calling area

ASSISTANCE FOR RENTAL OR PURCHASE OF FUEL OIL OR PROPANE TANK

PURPOSE - To offset costs associated with the purchase or rental of fuel oil or propane tanks used for home heating purposes only.

TERMS -
- Purchase of fuel oil or propane tanks for those individuals to whom natural gas service is not available. A tank purchased after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in the amount of 40% of the cost of the purchase price, up to a maximum of $500.

- Rental of a fuel oil or propane tank. A tank rented after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in an amount up to 40% of the cost of rental up to a maximum of $500.

Proof of payment of purchase or annual rental is necessary for verification.

AVAILABLE TO -
- Rural residents not served with natural gas who have a permanent residence outside the boundaries of a franchise area.
- Rural residents within a part of a franchise area where a distributor certifies that natural gas is not or was not available at the time of purchase or of rental cost being claimed.

APPLY TO - Gas Contracts and Co-Op Support Services Section
Alberta Transportation & Utilities
2nd Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3Y9 Phone: 427-0134

FEDERAL EXCISE TAX REFUND ON GASOLINE

PURPOSE - To provide lower fuel costs for farmers. This refund applies to all gasoline used in farming operations, <u>including</u> on-highway <u>business</u> use.

TERMS - Effective June 1, 1979 the Excise Tax of 1.5¢/litre is refundable to farmers for gasoline used in their farming operations. Agricultural organizations are also eligible for this refund. Claims may be submitted at six month intervals for periods ending December 31 and June 30 or when the tax claimable amounts to $200 or more, subject to a maximum of one claim per month.

This Excise Tax refund is <u>in addition</u> to the Federal Fuel Tax Rebate described in the following section and can only be obtained by filing a claim on form number XE-8 (blue).

For gasoline purchased prior to May 24, 1985, claims for refunds must be filed <u>within four years</u> of the date of purchase.

For gasoline purchased on or after May 24, 1985, claims for refund must be filed <u>within two years</u> of the date the gasoline was purchased.

It is not necessary to submit receipts or vouchers with a claim, but the claimant must retain documentation for audit purposes.

AVAILABLE TO - Agricultural producers using gasoline for farming operations. Agricultural organizations are also eligible.

APPLY TO - Information and claim forms are available at Canada Post offices or from:

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
Room 470
220 - 4th Avenue, S.E.
P.O. Box 2525 Station "M"
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 292-5678

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
6th Floor
10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2
Telephone: 420-3420

FEDERAL FUEL TAX REBATE ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL USED OFF-HIGHWAY

PURPOSE - To provide lower fuel costs for farmers. This rebate applies to gasoline and diesel fuel used off-highway for farming purposes.

TERMS - This program has been in effect since December 1, 1984; however, effective February 19, 1987, the amount of this rebate has been increased to 7.5¢ per litre, and is scheduled to end December 31, 1989.
The rebate amount for the following time periods is as follows:

- Dec. 1/84 to May 31/85 - 4.8¢/litre
- June 1/85 to Apr. 30/86 - 3.0¢/litre
- May 1/86 to Dec. 31/86 - 5.5¢/litre
- Jan. 1/87 to Feb. 18/87 - 6.5¢/litre
- Feb 19/87 to date - 7.5¢/litre

To have this rebate deducted at time of purchase, farmers must provide their fuel suppliers with a Sales Tax Bulk Permit. Farmers who purchase gasoline or diesel fuel in bulk may obtain this Certificate of Eligibility by applying to Revenue Canada on application form FT-1 (green).

In determining the amount of eligibile fuel for this rebate an 80/20% proportioning of total fuel purchases to off-highway and on-highway use will be assumed by Revenue Canada unless a farmer can supply detailed records of fuel use. This proportioning formula does not apply to some types of farming operations, such as beekeeping, greenhouses or nursery operations. Furthermore, all fuel used for personal use must be deducted from the volume purchased. Contact Revenue Canada for further information.

TIME LIMITS - To obtain the fuel tax rebate on purchases made between December 1, 1984 (the program start-up date) and up to the effective date of their Certificate of Eligibility, farmers must file for a fuel tax rebate on application form FT-3 (purple). For fuel purchased before May 24, 1985, the time limit to file an application for fuel tax rebate is four years. (The amount of the rebate was then 4.8¢ per litre). Any fuel purchased on or after May 24, 1985 is subject to a two year time limit within which a rebate application must be filed. FT-3 forms are available from district Excise Offices or from gasline bulk dealers.

AVAILABLE TO - farmers using gasoline or diesel fuel off-highway for farming purposes

APPLY TO -

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
Room 470
220 - 4th Ave. S.E.
P.O. Box 2525 Stn. "M"
CALGARY, Alberta T2P 3B7
Telephone: 292-5678

Revenue Canada
Excise Office
6th Flr.
10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2
Telephone: 420-3420

NEW HOME ENERGY ANALYSIS SERVICE

The HOTCAN computer program, designed by the National Research Council is used to estimate the annual energy costs for new homes at the design stage. People planning to build a home can supply detailed design information on special data sheets. All areas of heat loss are calculated allowing assessment of insulation levels for ceiling, walls, basement, doors, windows, etc. Calculations are also done for air infiltration and ventilation heat losses, as well as solar and internal gains, furnace and heat exchanger efficiencies. The service is free of charge on a one-time basis.

APPLY TO - Technical Advisor,
Energy, Mines & Resource Canada
Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4
Telephone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035

PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' REBATE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide a direct rebate of natural gas costs to consumers engaged in primary agricultural production.

TERMS - The program rebates 50¢ per gigajoule on consumption of natural gas over 300 gigajoules up to a maximum of 10,000 gigajoules used by an applicant during a calendar year. The program is retroactive to January 1, 1982 and will terminate on December 31, 1987.

THIS PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

AVAILABLE TO - Agricultural producers engaged in the production of field crops, livestock and poultry operations, greenhouses (including ornamental), irrigation, grain drying, sod and peat moss farms, and alfalfa processors.

APPLY TO - Rebates Branch, Alberta Transportation & Utilities
2nd Floor, 12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 3Y9
Phone: 422-1233

NATURAL GAS VEHICLE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To encourage the use of an alternative fuel, financial assistance is available from the government of Canada, with the assistance of the government of Alberta and the natural gas producers of Alberta, to purchase a new vehicle with a natural gas system or to convert a vehicle to run on natural gas.

TERMS - The payment covers 100% of eligible cost for materials to a maximum of $500. The purchase of a natural gas fueled vehicle or the conversion to natural gas must be carried out between February 5, 1983 and March 31, 1988. Used equipment and labor costs are not eligible. Costs can include fuel tanks, regulators, shut-off valves, carburators and applicable hoses and clamps. Equipment must be purchased in Canada and all components must comply with Canadian standards.

AVAILABLE TO - All corporations, individuals and organizations resident in Canada, except:
- provincial government departments, agencies and crown corporations
- federal government departments, agencies and crown corporations (except financially independent crown corporations as determined by Treasury Board Secretariat).

All vehicles are eligible except:

- off-road vehicles such as forklifts and front-end loaders and vehicles operating underground or indoors
- vehicles used 50% or more outside Canada
- vehicles for which a previous federal contribution for natural gas or for propane has been made or applied for
- vehicles whose conversion cost has been subsidized by another federal government program.

NOTE - Applications under this program must be filed within one year of the conversion to natural gas or of the purchase of the new vehicle. They must be received by April 30, 1988. Also, applications will be processed in the order in which they are received while funds are available. This program will allow conversion to a duel fuel system.

APPLY TO - Energy, Mines & Resources Canada
Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
St. Albert, Alberta T8N 1B4
Telephone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035

REBATE ON PROPANE AND HEATING OIL

PURPOSE - Provides a rebate on propane and heating oil used for heating purposes, when natural gas service cannot be provided at an economical cost.

TERMS - Residents of areas not serviced by a franchised natural gas distributor or those within a franchised area who cannot be economically served are eligible for a direct rebate up to 35% on the purchase price of propane and heating oil.

Each applicant is eligible for up to 18,185 litres (4,000 gals.) of propane or 12,275 litres (2,700 gals.) of heating oil or a proportionate combination of both each year.

Propane used for drying grain and in irrigation pumps is also eligible for rebate if natural gas is not available in the volume required or if the units must be portable.

Applications for rebate must be received within two years of the date of fuel purchase. Forms are available from fuel dealers.

THIS PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW.

AVAILABLE TO - all Alberta residents

APPLY TO - The Remote Area Heating Allowance Program
Alberta Transportation and Utilities
7th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta T5N 3Y9
(403) 427-0122

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PURPOSE - To provide financial assistance to farmers for electrical service.

TERMS - Loans bearing interest at 3-1/2%, repayable over 10 or 25 years, are available for the farmer's share of the cost of the new electrical service:

The farmer is responsible for the first $5,000 and one-half of the costs from $10,000 to $25,000. These loans are secured by a lien note.

Costs not assigned to the farmer are covered by an interest-free advance.

Loans and advances are limited to a maximum of $25,000 per service.

For large capacity single and three-phase services, loans and advances are limited to a maximum of $50,000 per farm entity.

AVAILABLE TO - All farm customers served by an electric utility company or rural electrification association.

APPLY TO - contact the local electric utility company office to initiate an application or contact:

Department of Transportation and Utilities
Rural Electric Branch
5th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Phone: 427-8444

SOLAR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

SOLAR DOMESTIC HOT WATER PROGRAM

PURPOSE - This program encourages the use of solar domestic water heating by subsidizing the cost of installing a solar domestic water heater.

TERMS - The actual payment for each installed system is determined according to the amount of energy it is capable of delivering.

Contribution payments of up to $900 will be made to companies participating in the program, for systems sold after December 31, 1986 up to December 31, 1987 and installed by March 31, 1988. Consumers, homeowners and commercial enterprises can purchase an accepted solar hot water system directly from approved companies, and the benefit will then be passed on to the individual.

All companies participating in the program are selected on the basis of ongoing requests for proposals, and all systems sold by them must be accepted by a joint government-industry committee.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - This program is designed to encourage the use of active solar energy in the commercial and industrial sectors. Energy, Mines and Resources Canada will offer cost-sharing agreements to Canadian companies and organizations wishing to purchase a solar energy system, excluding those owned or operated by the Government of Canada.

TERMS - The amount of government assistance to the applicant will be based upon the cost and performance of the system. As of October 1, 1987, the maximum contribution will be 50% or $40 per gigajoule for commercial/institutional applications and $20 per gigajoule for industrial applications. All solar components used in the program must be approved by the Solar Energy Products Acceptance Committee, administered by the Canadian Solar Industries Association (CSIA). The applicant must demonstrate the ability to support and maintain the project. All work must be completed by March 31, 1988.

For further information on these programs, contact:

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.
St. Albert, Alberta
T8N 1B4
Phone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035.

LIVESTOCK

GENERAL

NATIONAL TRIPARTITE STABILIZATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To reduce loss of income to producers of beef cattle, hogs and sheep (as well as sugar beets and colored beans) due to market price risks.

PRINCIPLE - The various plans are based on the concept of insurance with the Producer, the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada sharing equally in the cost of the premiums.

TERMS - Producers of beef cattle, hogs or lambs who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada may apply to enroll in any of the plans.

PLANS FOR BEEF CATTLE

Cow-Calf - Producers who enroll will register all beef cows by paying annual premiums. Benefits are payable when the national average selling price for calves is below 85% of the previous 10 year average price, indexed for the general rate of inflation.

Feeder Cattle and/or Slaughter Cattle - Producers may enroll to cover beef cattle in either or both of these options. Producers who enroll are required to register all cattle to be sold as "feeder" cattle or "slaughter" cattle by paying a premium as cattle are purchased or weaned. Coverage is provided for steers and heifers owned 60 days or more prior to sale. Benefits are payable on sales of registered cattle in a quarter where the national average market price is less than the national support price.

PLAN FOR HOGS

Producers who enroll are required to pay a premium on all hogs sold for slaughter grading 80 index or higher. Benefits are payable on sales of eligible hogs in a quarter where the national average market price is less than the national support price.

PLAN FOR LAMBS

Producers who enroll are required to register all expected lamb sales, by paying premiums on all lamb births. Benefits are payable in any quarter where the national average market price is less than the support price.

IMPORTANT - Producers who enroll after the original enrollment deadlines are subject to payout penalties if they have sold owned animals in the previous year. Therefore, anyone setting up a NEW enterprise should contact Tripartite well in advance of the first purchase and/or sales.

APPLY TO - Centralized Program Support
Alberta Agriculture
#306, J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Telephone: 422-0137 or toll free 1-800-232-9479

ANTHRAX INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - Compensation to reduce the losses of a farmer whose animals die from this disease.

TERMS - The payment for cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats which die of this disease is the market value of the animals, subject to limits. As well, free vaccination is provided to protect the herd the first year only. Confirmation of disease must be done by a federal veterinarian. Compensation is available for confirmed cases up to $500 for cattle, $350 for horses and $200 for sheep, swine and goats.

AVAILABLE TO - farmers with confirmed cases of Anthrax in their herds.

APPLY TO - one of the 19 district offices of Health of Animals Branch, Food Production and Inspection Branch, Veterinary Inspection Directorate, Agriculture Canada.

LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist with breed development, marketing and promotional projects and operating expenses of livestock breed associations.

TERMS - Assistance provided on a 50/50 cost sharing basis (or less) for expenses which may include, but not limited to: administration, research, field trials, training of judges, support to junior organizations, field days, assistance with staff training, maintenance of presence at shows and fairs, expenses of fieldmen and specialized staff, educational seminars, breed information and promotional literature.

AVAILABLE TO - Livestock breed associations, representing individual breeds or species, which have at lease 12 active members who are full-time farmers.

APPLY TO - Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food and Processing Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Phone: 427-7366

LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND CONGRESSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To encourage Alberta livestock breed associations to sponsor major national and international breed sponsored and recognized championship shows and congresses held in Alberta.

TERMS - Assistance with promotional, advertising and organizational expenses is on a 50/50 cost sharing basis for each event. Support limited to a total of three shows per year. Applications should be made a minimum of 12 months in advance.

AVAILABLE TO - Alberta livestock breed associations sponsoring national/international breed sponsored and recognized championship shows and congresses when held in Alberta.

APPLY TO - Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food and Processing Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

LIVESTOCK PREDATOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To compensate for loss of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry due to predation.

TERMS - Payment is based on 80% of the slaughter value or normal commercial market value of animals at the time of loss. Compensation values for confirmed losses are established by a committee. Predator kill must be verified by a public official.

There is also partial payment on probable losses and missing animals associated with confirmed losses (i.e. losses claimed by the farmer, although not proved or confirmed by a public official).

APPLY TO - Local district agriculturist, agricultural fieldmen, fish and wildlife officer, practicing veterinarian, predator specialist, or:

Administrator
Livestock Disaster and Predator Compensation Program
Alberta Agriculture
Animal Industry Division
Box 8070, Postal Station "F"
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

SEMEN AND EMBRYO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist livestock, semen and embryo marketing organizations with developmental expense, including brochures, promotional and educational materials, development and training for marketing staff, etc.

TERMS - Assistance provided on a 50/50 cost sharing basis (or less) on eligible development, supply response or market maintenance expenditures.

AVAILABLE TO - Semen and embryo producing operations. Companies with divisions involved in both semen and embryo processing and marketing may qualify for assistance.

APPLY TO - Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food and Processing Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

RABIES INDEMNIFICATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To compensate for livestock that die or have to be destroyed because of rabies.

TERMS - There is no provision for the payment of compensation under the Animal Disease Protection Act; however, in some provinces an arrangement has been entered into between the federal and provincial governments to pay an indemnity for loss of domestic livestock due to rabies. No such indemnity program exists in Alberta at this time.

A certificate, indicating death due to rabies, is completed by a full-time veterinarian. The diagnosis may be based on clinical or laboratory findings.

AVAILABLE TO - persons whose animals contract rabies.

APPLY TO - one of the 19 district offices of Food Production and Inspection Branch, Veterinary Inspection Directorate, Agriculture Canada. The diagnosis is based on laboratory findings. The lab work is done at A.D.R.I., Lethbridge. District Veterinarians do not confirm the diagnosis; this is the lab's function.

TUBERCULOSIS/BRUCELLOSIS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide compensation and advisory assistance when animals have to be destroyed because of these diseases.

TERMS - Compensation is paid on the following basis:
- Grade Beef Cattle up to $1,000
- Grade Dairy Cattle up to $1,200
- Purebred Beef Cattle up to $1,500
- Purebred Dairy Cattle up to $1,800

This compensation is made up of a combination of the salvage value of the carcass plus a government grant. If the salvage value of the carcass is more than the specific allocation, no additional government grant is made.

Disease must be confirmed by a meat inspector or federal veterinarian.

AVAILABLE TO - farmers with livestock contacting tuberculosis or brucellosis

APPLY TO - Food Production and Inspection Branch, Veterinary Inspection Directorate, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

RECORD OF PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

PURPOSE - To identify genetically superior animals so producers can improve the productivity, efficiency and quality of Canadian livestock.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS

ROP Beef - The program provides information, based on heritable traits of economic importance, to breeders to help them select superior animals to become parents of the next generation. Technical assistance is also available on the operation of bull test stations.

ROP Swine- Home and Station Testing - Economically important traits such as backfat thickness and age at 200 pounds (90 kgs) are recorded. Estimated breeding values and other performance information is generated quarterly. Nationally there are seven Agriculture Canada swine test stations available for producers to test boars. Sow productivity and management program is also available to provide recording of economically important material traits such as litter size, number of litters/year, farrowing interval, as well as optional litter weight and sow productivity index.

ROP Sheep- The program facilitates the identification and selection of breeding animals which express superior performance for economically important and heritable traits. Both home test and station test programs are available.

ROP Dairy- The program provides both a supervised and owner sample milk recording program that collects individual animal production data and certifies animal records for use in the development of intelligent and constructive breeding decisions. Services provided are actual milk production, butterfat and protein analysis as well as optional somatic cell count testing. Milk recording programs are administered and delivered in Alberta by Alberta Dairy Herd Improvement Services.

AVAILABLE TO - livestock producers.

APPLY TO - Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-2727

Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
400 - 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

Principal contact for dairy - Alberta Dairy Herd Improvement Services
12332 - 149 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5V 1G9
Phone: 453-5942

BEES

BEEYARD COMPENSATION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To compensate for the loss of beehives and equipment due to bear activity.

TERMS - All losses must be reported to Fish and Wildlife within 24 hours, so that they can carry out bear control. Payment is based on 80% of the assessed loss.

AVAILABLE TO - Claimant must be a registered beekeeper in the Province of Alberta, and have at least forty hives. The beeyard must be fenced with an electrified fence.

APPLY TO - A fish and wildlife officer, departmental predator specialist, district agriculturist, agricultural fieldman or departmental apiculturist.

For details and claim forms contact - Dale Engstrom, Administrator
Beeyard Compensation Program
Alberta Agriculture
Animal Industry Division
Box 8070, Postal Station F.
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

DAIRY

FEDERAL DAIRY SUBSIDY PROGRAM

PURPOSE - Payments are made to dairy producers to compensate for the difference between the market price and the cost of production.

TERMS - Subsidy for 1984-85 is $6.03 per hectolitre on industrial milk with butterfat of 3.6 kilograms per hl. or $1.675 per kg. of butterfat less a within-quota levy of $5.14/hl. to create funds to subsidize the export of skim milk powder.

AVAILABLE TO - Producers must hold a market share quota. Maximum production per individual is 18,000 kg. of butterfat or in the case of partnerships, multiples of 18,000 kg. per partner, with maximum of three partners or shareholders.

APPLY TO - For further information (quota transfer, etc.) contact:

Alberta Dairy Control Board
5201 50 Avenue
WETASKIWIN, Alberta
T9A 0S7

POULTRY

NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN POULTRY

PURPOSE - To compensate for losses of poultry that die from Newcastle Disease.

TERMS - Compensation for losses of birds and eggs is based on the market value as determined by an inspector.

AVAILABLE TO - farmers whose poultry is infected with Newcastle Disease

APPLY TO - Food Production and Inspection Branch, Veterinary Inspection Directorate, Agriculture Canada. Disease must be confirmed by a federal veterinarian at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

SHEEP

SHEEP PRODUCERS' INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To improve the productivity and viability of the sheep industry in Alberta by making financing available with special terms and conditions.

Loan funds may be used for purchase or modification of specialized equipment required for sheep production; construction, alteration or repair of buildings used in sheep production, including feedlot facilities; construction, alteration or repair of electric pagewire, wooden or barbed wire fences and corrals; purchase of breeding stock and other purposes approved by ADC.

TERMS - The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive payment is $40,000.

The amount of incentive will be determined from the original loan amount eligible and will be the lessor of:

- 7% or
- one-half the aggregate of 1% and the average ADC prime* rate as determined on the first day of every month during the period of one year in respect of which the incentive is payable.

Incentives will be paid annually for five years and total incentives paid cannot exceed the actual total interest paid by the applicant.

AVAILABLE TO - An established or potential sheep producer residing within the province of Alberta who is the owner or operator of a farming or ranching enterprise.

APPLY TO - Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer who determines the eligibility for the rebate. Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment or principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date. Funding to complete the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee or, alternatively, a specific guarantee through the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

* ADC prime is equivalent to the prime rate in effect at a Canadian Chartered Bank.

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

PLEASE NOTE - As the PFRA Rural Water Development Program is presently under review, we would recommend that all applicants contact their nearest PFRA office prior to any construction taking place.

P.F.R.A. RURAL WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide technical and financial assistance to bona fide farmers and ranchers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the development of on-farm water sources and irrigation projects.

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant. For the purpose of this program, a bona fide farmer or rancher is a person who is recognized as such for income tax purposes. Individuals whose major source of income is not farming, and who carry out "minor farming activities" with no reasonable expectation of profit, are NOT ELIGIBLE.

- Prior to any development being undertaken, application must be made to P.F.R.A. on an appropriate application form or by personally contacting one of the P.F.R.A. soil and water conservation service offices. Failure to comply with this requirement could render prospective recipients ineligible for a contribution.

- The applicant is required to construct projects according to established standards and specifications provided by PFRA and various provincial government agencies.

- Projects requiring authorization by the provincial water rights branch must be approved by the provincial branch prior to financial contribution being recommended.

NOTE - This policy will be in effect from April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988. Applications for wells, dugouts and other source development projects (not requiring water rights approval) completed during this period will be accepted until March 31, 1989.

TERMS - Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to the maximums stated below. As detailed below, unit prices will be applied for some items of work or material.

UNIT PRICE MAXIMUMS - Earthwork - $0.29 per cubic metre ($0.22 per cubic yard). Materials - one-third of the cost of approved materials.

INDIVIDUAL STOCKWATERING DAMS, DUGOUTS AND OTHER SOURCE DEVELOPMENTS - Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $1650.00 per stock-watering dam, dugout or other source development.

Dugouts shall be at least 1,911 cubic metres (2,500 cubic yds) in size to qualify for a financial contribution. The dugout must have a minimum depth of 3.65 metres (12 feet) for pasture use and 4.27 metres (14 feet) for dugouts used as a year-round supply (i.e. farmstead supply). Dugouts should be sized to provide an assured two year water supply.

Eligible costs include earthwork, pipeline installation, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control gates, plastic pipe, or any other approved material used in construction of the project.

INDIVIDUAL FARM WELLS - For small diameter wells (normally rotary, cable-tool or jetted), financial assistance will be provided on the basis of:
- One third of eligible costs or $23.00 per metre ($7.00 per foot) of cased depth (including length of screen) whichever is less.

For large diameter wells (normally bored or excavated), financial assistance will be provided on the basis of:
- One-third of eligible costs or $54.00 per metre ($16.46 per foot) of cribbed depth plus one-third the cost of a large diameter screen, whichever is less.

The maximum contribution for any one well will be $1650.00. Eligible costs include cribbing, casing, screens, development, pump-testing, etc., but do not include pumps, power or any other equipment used to draw water from the well.

INDIVIDUAL AND NEIGHBOUR IRRIGATION PROJECTS - Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $2,200 per project. Eligible costs include earth-work, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control structures, aluminum or plastic pipe, sprinkler equipment, pumps, motors, or any other approved material or equipment.

Where two or more farmers jointly develop an irrigation project, the total financial assistance per project will be based on unit prices or one-third of eligible costs, whichever is less, to a maximum of $2,200 per applicant.

IMPORTANT - Applicants for contributions are required to present invoices for materials or services which are to be included as eligible costs for purposes of calculating contributions and if applicable, a well driller's log or report.

GROUP PROJECTS - Subject to the availability of funds and departmental approval, financial and technical assistance will be available to groups of bona fide farmers and ranchers (five or more) in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for the development of water sources for domestic, livestock or irrigation uses.

Financial contributions will be based on 50% of eligible costs, including approved groundwater test drilling. Funding of projects is conditional upon program approval and upon funds being voted by the Parliament of Canada.

Eligible projects will include any type of source development and the conveyance works to the point of use but will exclude land and treatment or distribution works. Shareable costs include all services, materials and labour required for the development of water sources. Private engineering consulting fees do not constitute a shareable cost.

AVAILABLE TO - Bona fide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources. Technical assistance is provided at no charge to locate, investigate, survey, design and inspect water source development projects and irrigation projects.

APPLY TO - PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Services Offices located in:

Hanna, Alberta	(854-4448)	Red Deer, Alberta	(346-8958)
Lethbridge, Alberta	(327-4340)	Peace River, Alberta	(624-3386)
Westlock, Alberta	(349-3963)	Medicine Hat, Alberta	(526-2429)
Vegreville, Alberta	(632-2919)		

EMERGENCY DUGOUT PUMPING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This program provides equipment on a rental basis for the filling of farm dugouts which due to the unusual weather conditions were not filled by runoff and precipitation.

TERMS - The fees for the use of the program are $100/day/pump and $200/day for the first mile of pipe. Additional charges are made at the rate of $100/day for each additional mile of pipe or portions thereof.

AVAILABLE TO - bona fide farmers and ranchers.

APPLY TO - For more information on this program, contact your local district agriculturist.

ALBERTA FARM WATER GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide capital grants to bona fide farmers and ranchers within Alberta to assist in the construction of water transmission facilities for domestic and stock-watering purposes.

- The province cost-shares with the farmers and ranchers on a 75/25 basis. The funding limit is based on $20,000 per serviced farm unit ($15,000 government sources and $5,000 owner). Funding from other government sources, including the federal Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA), is applied towards the provincial contribution, thus maintaining the owner's 25% responsibility.

- Applicants must be legally associated groups of farmers, or individual bona fide farmers and/or ranchers. Priority will be given to those groups or individuals that can demonstrate an ongoing need. Projects are eligible for funding on a retroactive basis to April 1, 1985.

- Projects to be funded are water transmission works to point of use (i.e., cistern or dugout). Eligible project costs include all approved services, materials and labor required for the development of water transmission systems for domestic and stock-watering uses, but excludes land costs. Farmers desiring to construct systems for purposes in addition to domestic use and stock-watering will be required to pay the incremental cost.

- This program commenced in the 1985-86 budget year for a three-year period ending March 31, 1988. The budget for 1987-88 has been committed. The program is currently under review for a possible extension for another three years.

AVAILABLE TO - Legally associated groups of farmers or individual bona fide Alberta farmers and/or ranchers. Priority will be given to those groups or individuals showing a long-term need for an improved water supply.

APPLY TO - Alberta Transportation & Utilities
Mr. Mike Znak
Municipal Utilities Division
2nd. Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Phone: 422-4591

OTHER

HOME ADAPTATION PROGRAM (H.A.P.)

PURPOSE - This grant of $1,000 is for adaptations which will provide the wheelchair user access to his/her residency and provide moveability within the unit.

AVAILABLE TO - Homeowners, tenants and landlords who are wheelchair users or have a wheelchair user residing with eligible applicant and who have resided in Alberta for the past year. Their current adjusted family income must not exceed $25,500 per year. The tenant's landlord must agree in writing with proposal to adapt home.

Landlords should make adaptations to an existing or proposed construction of a residential building to accommodate one or more wheelchair users.

APPLY TO - Applications and brochures may be acquired from the Grants Administration Branch. For further information please contact:

Municipal Affairs
Grants Administration Branch
2nd. Floor, Jarvis Building
9925 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2H9
Telephone: 422-2882

ALBERTA PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - The program is designed to reduce property tax burdens by removing the provincial education tax faced by many homeowners. In addition to this basic tax reduction, senior citizens may be eligible for a senior citizen homeowner benefit.

TERMS - The senior homeowner benefit is available to owners who are 65 years of age or older; widows/widowers between the ages of 60 and 64, whose spouses were 65 and eligible at time of death, or widows/widowers, between the ages of 55 and 64, who qualify for benefits under the Alberta Widows' Pension Program. This benefit equals the difference between the provincial education tax removed and the lesser of either $1,000 or municipal taxes. This benefit is usually credited to the property tax account.

AVAILABLE TO - Either benefit program is available to owners residing in a residence, mobile home or on farmland property which has been assessed and taxed.

APPLY TO - The removal of the provincial education tax is automatic and is paid by the provincial government on behalf of Alberta homeowners, as shown on the tax notice. However, application for the senior homeowner benefit must be made annually at the local municipal office.

ALBERTA
SUMMER FARM EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (subject to annual government renewal).

PURPOSE - To provide farm work experience for Alberta youth from July 2nd to August 31.

TERMS - The government will pay up to a maximum of $300 or one-half of the youth's monthly salary whichever is least, and the employer's contributions to CPP and UIC. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and have written consent of their parents if they are under 18. They must also be a resident of Alberta for the past six months and must be legally entitled to work in Canada. In addition, they must be prepared to attend one of Alberta Agriculture's farm safety seminars.

AVAILABLE TO - Any Alberta farmer is eligible to employ a youth under the program, providing the applicant is not a member of the employer's family.

APPLY TO - Employer and employee application forms can be obtained from any District Agriculturist or Canada Farm Labour Pool office

ALBERTA WAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To provide work experience opportunities within the private sector for unemployed Alberta youth.

TERMS - Between April 1 and March 31, the Government will pay 50% of the youth's wages to a maximum of $2.50 per hour, for a minimum of three months. Employees must be legally entitled to work in Canada and may not be a member of the employer's immediate family.

AVAILABLE TO - Any potential employer in Alberta, including farmers.

APPLY TO - Application packages available from Employment Development Offices of Alberta Manpower.

ALBERTA TRAINING PROGRAM

PURPOSE - The ATP is a training incentive program designed to assist Albertans to upgrade and develop job skills.

TERMS - Business employers may apply for assista ce to train current or new employees who are at least 16 years of age. Employees must be permanent, full-time staff, who are training on the job or in the classroom on a full-time basis. Immediate family members are not eligible.

AVAILABLE TO - private sector employers including farmers

APPLY TO - Alberta Manpower's Employment Development Offices

JOB CREATION PROGRAMS

ALBERTA BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (A.B.C.D.)

PURPOSE - To support community project activities that utilize skills of unemployed Albertans.

TERMS - Projects must provide a minimum of three full-time positions for at least six weeks to a maximum of twelve months.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS - private sector employers, municipalities, non-profit community associations

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES - unemployed
- Alberta resident for the past six months
- priority will be given to employers who hire social allowance recipients

REIMBURSEMENT: $ 5.00/hr. Public sector employers can also receive up to $125/employee/week for other costs.

APPLY TO - Alberta Career Development and Employment
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 427-4740

EMPLOYMENT ALTERNATIVES

PURPOSE - To provide individuals in receipt of social assistance and individuals whose unemployment insurance benefits have expired with the opportunity to gain work experience and training to enable them to secure permanent employment.

TERMS - Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for a minimum of six months. Funding is available for a maximum of six months. Positions must not affect security or hours of work of present employees and must be filled after application has been approved.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS - private sector

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

- In receipt of social assistance or unemployment benefits that have expired
- Legally entitled to work in Canada

REIMBURSEMENT

- 75% of the wages paid to a maximum government contribution of $4.50/hr.
- If approved, 75% of tuition costs for job related courses or external instructor costs for formal in-house training, to a maximum of $ 1,000.

APPLY TO - Planning and Training Offices
Alberta Career Development and Employment
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 427-4740

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

PURPOSE - Designed to promote development of export marketing operations in Alberta, and to provide post-secondary graduates in a related field with first hand work experience in international marketing.

TERMS - Projects must provide employment for at least 12 months to a maximum of 24 months.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS

- private sector
- post-secondary institutions,
- non-profit organizations involved in international marketing

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

- residents of Alberta for the past six months
- graduates from related post-secondary program of at least two years in length
- unemployed or working significantly below academic and/or experiental qualifications.

REIMBURSEMENT - Wages on a cost-shared basis (50%) up to a maximum of $15,000/year, plus an additional $3,000/year towards international travel.

APPLY TO - Employment Services, Alberta
Career Development and Employment
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 427-4740

THE CANADA-ALBERTA SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT - AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING AND MARKETING

PURPOSE - The objectives of this Agreement are to enhance the competitiveness of the existing agricultural processing industry in Alberta and to encourage and facilitate new private sector investment in this industry. This investment will further the processing of food and related products that have the potential for domestic and export growth or import replacement and which will help diversify Alberta's economic base, improve opportunities for productive employment and thereby promote balanced development throughout Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY - The program provides capital support to projects which include:

- the commercial processing or manufacturing of products of plant or animal origin
- the commercial processing or manufacturing of food products of nutritional value to humans or animals
- the commercial production or manufacturing of basic pharmaceutical chemicals and other components used in human and veterinary pharmaceutical products, medical diagnostic products, including those produced by biotechnology for consumption or ingestion by humans or animals
- the commercial testing and full-time research related to processed agricultural food products and process development, including related high technology and pilot projects
- the commercial processing or manufacturing of plant or animal genetic material and related products of genetic engineering (e.g. semen and embryo storage and processing)
- the commercial manufacturing of containers, packages, or labels for the agricultural processing industry
- any project in the agricultural processing sector which the management committee deems appropriate in order to achieve the objectives of this agreement.

TERMS
- Support for new capital projects is up to 35% of the cost of the buildings and equipment if the project is located outside Edmonton and Calgary and up to 25% of cost if the project is within these two cities. Commercial testing and full-time research facilities are eligible for up to 35% assistance regardless of where they are located in Alberta.
- Modernization/expansion projects are eligible for up to 25% support if located outside Edmonton and Calgary and up to 15 per cent if located within the two major centres. Expansion projects for commercial testing and research are eligible for up to 25% level of support regardless of where they are located in the province.

- The program criteria are designed so as to give a higher level of support to projects located away from a major centre. The support offered also takes into account the degree to which a project contributes to the next income of rural families amongst other criteria.

Non-capital assistance to support:

- Market and investment analysis. Assistance is up to 50% or $60,000 for each project.
- Developing new or improved products or processes. Support is up to 50% of cost.
- Full-time commercial research and development and pilot projects. Support is up to 50% of wages and salaries for 3 years to a maximum of $250,000 per project.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Cereal and oilseed cleaning and not eligible for support unless related to a processing operation. This means the processing of specialty seeds (legumes, grasses) is eligible.
- Bakeries and meat markets in Edmonton and Calgary that produce products for a wholesale market are eligible for support.
- Non-eligible projects include those processing conventional wood products, chemical fertilizers, alcohol for fuel and mobile plants.
- Program and costs are jointly administered and shared between Alberta agriculture and department of regional industrial expansion.
- Applications have to be submitted by September 30, 1990.

APPLY TO - For further information or application forms call: Alberta Agriculture, 427-4287.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - The program is administered by Alberta public safety services which may provide financial assistance to municipalities and individuals in the case of emergencies and disasters. Disaster assistance to individuals is not intended to provide full compensation for damage and loss but to aid in recovery from a disaster or emergency which victims could neither prevent nor readily insure against. Municipalities, however, may have total costs covered.

TERMS - Before losses and damages or municipal expenditures may qualify for assistance, the following guidelines will be considered in assessing the need for same:

- the losses and damage have been so devastating as to threaten the economic survival of an individual or business
- assistance would be in the public interest
- in a municipality, an unusual amount of non-insurable loss and damage has affected a number of people
- events causing damage or loss were extremely unusual as classified by a competent authority. For example, historical records, evaluated by Alberta Environment, indicate a weather related event may be classified as extremely unusual

- the health, safety or welfare of the affected citizen or citizens have been at risk
- persons directly affected and/or municipal authorities acted prudently and appropriately to protect property and minimize damage when, and if, warning was given.

Special Notes:

- Devastation - loss and damage must have been sufficiently serious as to threaten the future survival of the overall farming operation
- Insurability - refers to whether the loss and damage could have been insured, or was insurance coverage readily and reasonably available at the time of the event
- Payments - if assistance is approved there is a $1,000. deductible applied in all cases, and the applicant receives eighty per cent (80%) of the eligible balance of non-insurable loss and damage
- Coverage - payments are for essential items of loss/damage only, and there is no statutory entitlement to any given level of assistance;

AVAILABLE TO - all

APPLY TO - Alberta Public Safety Services
10320 - 146 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3A2
Telephone: 427-2772 or 451-7104/5/6

FEDERAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION

PURPOSE - To provide farmers with production inputs without payment of sales tax.

TERMS - Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products are entitled to purchase machinery apparatus and parts thereof for the use directly in the manufacture or production of goods, without payment of sales tax.

Part XIII of Schedule III to the Excise Tax Act provides exemption from sales tax to taxable machinery and apparatus, including parts therefor, purchased or imported by manufacturers or producers for use by them primarily and directly in the manufacture or production of goods. Repair and maintenance equipment for use on qualifying machinery and apparatus also qualifies for exemption from sales tax and may be purchased or imported by manufacturers or producers exempt from sales tax.

As farmers are considered to be producers for the purpose of the Excise Tax Act, they may purchase their production equipment, parts therefor, and repair and maintenance equipment without the payment of tax by quoting the following certificate of exemption on purchase orders to their suppliers:

"We certify that the goods ordered/imported hereby are to be used as outlined in Part XIII of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act.

Name of Purchaser:_____
Legal Land Description:_____
No. of Acres Under Cultivation:_____
Telephone Number:_____
End Use:_____
Date:_____ Farmer's Signature:_____

An "End Use" description should be given with this certificate. "End Use" is a term used to indicate the location and purpose for which the materials or equipment are purchased.

Additional exemptions are also available to farmers. Please refer to the copy of Part IV of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act and note in particular that there is no provision for exemption from sales tax to buildings that house machinery or fences.

Multi-purpose materials, such as steel, lumber, cement, concrete and multi-purpose goods such as pipe, pipe fittings and valves, electrical wire, cable and conduit must be purchased or imported on a tax paid basis, subject to refund when used in the manufacture or repair of production equipment.

For specific details please contact Revenue Canada - Excise. Examples of exempt equipment are: farrowing crates, drainage tile and granaries.

AVAILABLE TO - farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products

APPLY TO -

Revenue Canada Excise
P.O. Box 2525, Station M
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 231-5672

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2 Telephone: 420-3420

MOBILE HOME LOAN INSURANCE PROGRAM (M.H.L.I.P.)

PURPOSE - To provide approved lenders with investment loss protection in the event that payments on mobile home loans are not met by the borrower. Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation underwrites the program. Because the insurance reduces the risk to the financial institution, lenders may be able to provide up to 85% financing towards the purchase and set-up of a mobile home to an overall maximum of $40,000 and may also offer a more favorable interest rate and longer amortization period.

TERMS - Assistance to mobile homeowners is provided indirectly. Because of the reduced risk to the lender, financial institutions are able to provide more favorable lending terms.

AVAILABLE TO - An eligible mobile home is one that:

- is new or used
- is single or double wide
- meets the appropriate CSA (Canadian Building Standards) building code
- is not permanently affixed to a site
- is on property the mobile homeowner owns, rents or has written permission to use
- is a permanent residence
- is located in Alberta

APPLY TO - Financial institutions contact AMHC. Individuals contact their lender.

For information about the location of the nearest branch, contact -

Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation
9405 - 50 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2T4
Phone: 468-3535

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RRAP)

HOME REPAIRS

PURPOSE - To assist low-income homeowners who are unable to afford adequate and suitable housing accommodation by providing financial assistance for the repair of their homes.

TERMS - The loan amount you may receive depends on the actual cost of repairs and where you live.
- If you live in an urban area, the maximum amount is $10,000.
- If you live in a rural area, the maximum amount is $25,000.

This loan, at current interest rates, can be repaid over a period of up to 20 years. Loans of up to $10,000 may be secured by a promissory note. Loans in excess of $10,000 must be secured by a mortgage.

AVAILABLE TO - This loan is available to homeowners in rural and urban areas that live in the home. Homes must be deficient in at least one of the following areas: structural soundness, electrical system, plumbing, heating system or fire safety. The type and quality of the repair work should give the house a further useful life of at least 15 years.

APPLY TO - your municipality or RRAP delivery agent

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O. Box 2560	T2P 2N9	292-6200 or 1-800-272-9674
Edmonton	P.O. Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431 or 1-800-472-9706
Lethbridge	P.O. Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581 or 1-800-552-8050

ALTERATIONS FOR A DISABLED OCCUPANT (RRAP)

PURPOSE - To assist in the repair, improvement or modification of existing homeowner or rental housing to improve accessibility of the dwelling unit to a disabled person.

TERMS - The assistance is provided in the form of a forgivable loan. The amount that may not have to be repaid (the forgivable amount) depends on household income and the cost of modifications. This amount is earned over a 5 year period providing the property is owned and occupied.

For costs in excess of the forgivable loan amount, a repayable loan may be available in the event funds cannot be obtained elsewhere. The maximum loan of $10,000 includes the forgivable amount of $5,000 and the maximum repayable loan of $5,000.

AVAILABLE TO - A property is eligible if work will be undertaken to improve accessibility for a disabled occupant. The property must meet a minimum level of health and safety standards. A homeowner or landlord undertaking accessibility work to modify a dwelling occupied or intended to be occupied by a disabled person may be eligible for financial assistance.

This assistance can help to cover the cost of material, labor, legal fees, financing costs, building plans and permits.

APPLY TO - your municipality or RRAP delivery agent.

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O.Box 2560	T2P 2N9	292-6200 or 1-800-272-9674
Edmonton	P.O.Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431 or 1-800-472-9700
Lethbridge	P.O.Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581 or 1-800-552-8050

SENIOR CITIZENS HOME HEATING PROTECTION PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist senior citizens with home heating costs.

TERMS - In its original form, benefits of this program were retroactive to January 1, 1982 and extend through to December 31, 1987. This program is currently under review.

AVAILABLE TO - Individuals who are 65 years and older or those between the age of 60 and 64 whose deceased spouse was 65 years or older at the time of death. Widows and widowers who receive a pension under the Widows' Pension Act are also eligible. Eligible persons must own and live in their own home for at least 120 days during the calendar year.

APPLY TO - Rebates are mailed automatically to individuals who qualify for and receive the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit in respect to their property taxes. Persons who do not qualify for the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit but own and live in their residence for 120 days in a calendar year may apply for their rebate by completing an application form which is available at local municipal tax offices or the Rebates Branch.

For more information contact the following agency -

Alberta Transportation and Utilities
Rebates Branch
3rd Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Telephone: 422-4098

SENIORS' HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EXTENSION

PURPOSE - Provides grants of up to $3,000 to assist low and moderate income seniors to repair and improve their homes. The grant amount is dependent on total household income for the last calendar year.

ELIGIBILITY - Seniors must be 65 years and over or widow/widowers 55 years and over. Total household income must not exceed $23,000. Applicants must be Alberta residents for one year prior to application and Canadian citizens or landed immigrants with at least ten years residency in Canada. They must reside in their homes for at least nine months a year. Only one grant per household is eligible. A grant is available only to applicants who did not receive the maximum amount of $3,000 under the Seniors' Home Improvement Program.

APPLY TO - Applications and brochures may be picked up from any Treasury Branch, participating financial institution or the Seniors Home Improvement Program Extension Office. For further information please contact:

Housing Division
Seniors Home Improvement Program Extension
11156 Jasper Avenue
Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3B8
Telephone: Edmonton 427-5760

or contact your long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING ACT (APMA)

PURPOSE - This Act extends federal powers to provincial marketing boards in order to improve the marketing conditions for agricultural commodities in the two areas of interprovincial and export trade and levy authority. This delegation of authority gives, at the federal level, any or all powers which provincial legislation permits with regard to interprovincial trade. The board, agency or commission can obtain for its producers the same benefits for interprovincial and export trade as it does for trade within the province on marketing, handling, pricing information, appointment of shippers and dealer-shippers, etc. Authority is given as a result of a provincial request and is delegated by an Order-in Council.

In the second area, provincial marketing boards can receive authority from the federal government to charge levies, service charges and license fees on commodities moving interprovincially or to be exported.

AVAILABLE TO - Provincial commodity marketing boards established under provincial statutes are eligible.

CONTACT - Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 1E2
Phone: (403) 420-4141

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CAMDI)

PURPOSE - To increase or promote improvement in the marketing and marketing systems of Canadian agricultural products.

TERMS - The following types of projects are eligible for financial assistance for up to 50% of eligible costs:
- promotional projects whose primary objective is to facilitate increased sales through increased consumption of farm produce
- projects designed to improve storage conditions for domestic produce so as to extend the marketing season thereby reducing Canada's reliance on imports and increasing Canada's export markets
- projects designed to assist in those areas where there is a deficiency in Canadian technical production and marketing capability
- feasibility projects designed to identify the potential for the development of market, technical and commercial ventures
- projects designed to promote the sale of Canadian seed potatoes and other designated special crops in export markets.

AVAILABLE TO - Most types of organizations can apply, but must demonstrate adequate financial and managerial resources to carry out the obligations under the agreement. Priority is given to projects that will benefit the greatest number of producers.

APPLY TO - Special Programs Division
Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: (819) 994-0086

Agriculture Development Branch
400 - 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: (403) 420-4141

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS COOPERATIVE MARKETING ACT (APCMA)

PURPOSE - APCMA is designed to assist and encourage the cooperative marketing of agricultural products by Canadian producers.

- It allows the marketing organization to market the product in a more orderly fashion throughout the marketing season;
- It allows the marketing organization to more efficiently plan its financial and marketing requirements
- It allows producers to be made aware of the minimum price they will receive for their crops which further allows for the improvement of their farm management planning.

TERMS - The APCMA allows the minister of agriculture to enter into an agreement with marketing organizations such as cooperative associations, processors, or selling agents.

The agreement guarantees to the marketing organization an initial payment to primary producers, and eligible processing, carrying and selling costs of the organization to a fixed maximum. The agreement covers crops delivered to the pool and sold by the marketing organization.

At the end of the agreement, if the actual average wholesale price is greater than the guaranteed level and excess funds are available in the organization's account, an interim and/or final payment is made to the producers. Should the actual average wholesale price received by the marketing organization be less than the initial payment and eligible operating costs covered by the agreement, Agriculture Canada pays the difference to the organization.

AVAILABLE TO - Most agricultural products, both field grown and livestock may qualify, except crops covered by the Canadian Wheat Board. Agreements may be signed with any producer group, processor or selling agents able to meet the requirements of the Act.

APPLY TO - Legislated Marketing Programs Div.
Policy Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 995-5880

Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
#400, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE

PURPOSE - The primary objective is to encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified livestock and crop sector in the Canadian agricultural industry by:

- assisting agri-oriented organizations in funding local, national and international activities designed to promote improvement in the national herd and its associated human resource base
- to assist in the development of new crops, varieties and production technologies which are beyond the basic research stage and which may have potential for commercial production
- promoting the commercial adaptation of new crop and livestock production technology
- assisting in the training and development of rural people
- assisting selected organizations and individuals whose activities contribute to the development of specialized personnel and knowledge in the field of agriculture or to the promotion of the agricultural sector in the Canadian economy.

For additional information, contact:

Production Development Assistance Initiative
Commodity Production and Marketing Directorate
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
930 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0C5
Phone: (819) 994-0086
or

Agriculture Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
400 - 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 1E2
Phone: (403) 420-4141

PRODUCER ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE - To assist, promote and/or stimulate the growth and future viability of a commodity or producer organization.

TERMS - Grants are normally made on a 50/50 cost sharing basis (or less) to any one province-wide commodity or producer organization. The applicants' program must demonstrate that the requested funding will be used to promote the long term growth and viability of a commodity or producer organization.

Funds and technical assistance are available but are not limited to the following:

- providing initial start-up and ongoing operational support
- creating an awareness of the commodity organization and its products within other segments of the agricultural production or processing sectors
- supporting the long-run viability and operation of the organization, including encouraging and developing a sound and viable membership base
- to support development projects such as seminars, meetings, training, field days, marketing research, promotional projects, developing of supply and marketing strategies and dealing policy issues.

AVAILABLE TO - Commodity or producer organizations.

APPLY TO - Marketing Services Division
Agri-Food and Processing Development Branch
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-7366

PUBLIC and COMMUNITY COLLEGES

PURPOSE - To provide comprehensive study programs in the agricultural field.

Lethbridge Community College, Fairview College, Olds College and the Vermilion Campus of Lakeland College offer comprehensive programs of study to prepare students for careers in most fields of agriculture for both on- and off-farm employment. To demonstrate their interest in the work of these institutions, a number of business firms, organizations and individuals have made considerable financial assistance available to students.

The four colleges listed offer two types of agricultural programs. Agricultural diploma programs run for two years. Agricultural certificate courses are one-year programs. If you are interested in enrolling in one of the agricultural programs, contact the registrar at the college to request information in the field of your interests.

As well as on campus studies, there are homestudy courses available at Olds College and Lakeland College. These are not offered at Lethbridge or Fairview. The colleges also offer a number of two and three day short courses.

OLDS HOMESTUDY COURSES:

- Introduction to Farm Accounting
- Advanced Farm Accounting and Income Tax
- Farm Management Introduction
- Agriculture Marketing
- Farm Finance
- Basic Home Horticulture
- Small Engines I
- Woody Plant Identification

Olds College and the University of Guelph have a cooperative arrangement whereby each institution has the right to use courses offered by the other. There are enough Guelph courses available through Olds to offer the entire Ontario Horticulture Diploma Program by correspondence. Course details available from Olds College, (556-4622) Homestudy Office.

LAKELAND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

- Pesticides Dispenser
- Pesticides Applicator
- Welding

Lakeland College distributes pesticide courses for people interested in qualifying to write the Alberta Environment licensing exam. Additional information is available at 853-8444 Home Study Division.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COURSES

Lethbridge Community College and Fairview College offer an Agricultural Financial Management course. This program has been developed to help farm families achieve their business and family goals. This is accomplished by providing business and financial management instruction in class and on the farm.

Families in the program have the opportunity to:
- develop the record system best suited to their own farm
- analyze their records for management information
- develop a plan for sound growth

This three-year program, running from November to March consists of:
- class meetings twice a month covering specific topics.
- monthly farm visits by instructor.
- the use of computers as a management tool is also available in this course.

NOTE - Students are not obliged to complete all three years. The program is flexible enough to allow students to take as much or as little as they feel they need.

* Fairview College is a 2 year program. The student can come back for a third year which consists of the application of computers in farm management.

AVAILABLE TO - Students enrolling or enrolled in programs of study at the agricultural colleges and anyone active in an ongoing farming operation.

APPLY TO - The registrars at the colleges:

Fairview College
Box 3000
Fairview, Alberta
TOH 1LO
835-6605

Olds College
Olds, Alberta
TOM IPO
556-8281

Vermilion Campus
Lakeland College
VERMILION, Alberta
TOB 4MO
853-8400

Division of Continuing Education
Lethbridge Community College
3000 College Drive S.
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta
T1K 1L6
320-3323

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALBERTA FARMERS

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT

AG. ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES

Advice on all types of agricultural engineering problems, (i.e. farm buildings, farmstead planning, materials handling and processing, energy, livestock waste management, soil and water management and farm power and machinery and mechanization.

Regional Agricultural Engineers and/or
Regional Agricultural Engineering Technologists or Head
Engineering & Rural Services Branch
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181

AGRICULTURAL LAW SOLICITORS

The agricultural public, farmers and farm organizations, agribusiness and government personnel use this office as an information resource and counselling center for interpreting agricultural laws. Such information is disseminated throughout all the communication medias as well as through prepared opinions, letters, telephone calls, personal interviews both in office and in district agriculturists' offices and farm law lectures.

Agricultural Law Solicitors
Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Center
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7 Telephone: 329-5131
or
Economic Services Division
Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-7313

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to assist agricultural societies in meeting their objectives in improving agriculture, horticulture, homemaking and the quality of life in the agricultural community.

The section is available to provide information on fairs and exhibitions leadership development, program planning and evaluation, and volunteer training.

Financial assistance is also available to agricultural societies.

Head
Community Services Section
Rural Services Division
201, J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2171
or
District offices

A.A.D.C. ENTERPRISE COUNSELLING

This program, provided on a one-to-one basis with a counsellor, is available to any farmer, regardless of assets or net worth, who is experiencing severe financial problems. The enterprise counsellors, who are available throughout the province are respected farmers, businessmen, or professionals. They have related experience in agriculture, and are recognized as sound financial managers. The enterprise counselling service assists farmers by helping them better understand their present financial situation and provides them with written reports outlining the counsellors' recommendations.

Alberta Agricultural Development Corp.
Camrose Head Office
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4 Telephone: 679-1311
or
ADC Loans Officers at district offices.

ALTA. AGRICULTURE FINANCIAL MGMT. CONSULTING

Provides independent, confidential assistance to farm families in the area of financial management, through consultants hired by Alta. Agriculture, who:

- assist in the preparation of statements which describe the present financial situation of the farm business
- help identify problem areas
- assist in determining viable alternatives to improve profitability and cash flow and work out plans for the coming year
- assist farmers to make preparations for discussing their proposals with lenders.

District Extension Offices
District agriculturist or
District home economist

ALBERTA FARM IMPLEMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION

Is responsible for licensing and bonding farm implement dealers and distributors in Alberta. The inspectors assist farmers in:

- settling warranty complaints
- procuring emergency repair parts, back-order parts and obsolete farm equipment parts.

Alberta Farm Implement Act Admin.
Inspector Dave Vand
J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2188

Alberta Farm Implement Act Admin.
Inspector Mel Service
Box 250
Olds, Alberta
T0M 1P0 Telephone: 556-4223

ALBERTA 4-H PROGRAM

To facilitate informal technical and self-development education opportunities for rural youth. Information on over 30 different technical projects is available and members are encouraged to enhance their inter-personal and leadership skills through public speaking programs, workshops, seminars, camps and various other personal development activities.

Head 4-H Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6
Telephone: 427-2541

ALBERTA GREEN CERTIFICATE FARM TRAINING PROGRAM

A unique apprenticeship-type educational program to develop potential farm workers, foremen/ herdsmen and farm managers. Candidates must be prepared to pursue an employment-centered program of training, leading to a career in the agricultural industry.

Farm Training Specialists in
Lethbridge - 381-5535,
Vermilion - 853-8109,
Barrhead - 674-8253 or
Supervisor, Green Certificate Program
Edmonton, Alberta
Telephone: 427-2173

CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Designed to provide information on cropping procedures and production of cereals, oilseeds, forage and special crops.

Head, Field Crops Branch Alberta
Agriculture 5718 - 56 Ave., Bag #47
Lacombe, Alberta T0C 1S0
Telephone: 782-4641 or
Edmonton: 423-4214

DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST SERVICES

Provide professional counsel to local farmers and agribusiness in the areas of crop, livestock and other agricultural production, farm management, marketing, credit, and the implications of government policy. As well they carry and administer government programs. They offer informational and educational programs, publications and information on all aspects of agriculture relating to the local district.

Local District Agriculturist
or
Regional Directors
Regional Home Economists:
Lethbridge: 381-5132
Airdrie: 948-8502
Red Deer: 340-5376
Vermilion: 853-8109
Barrhead: 674-8264
Fairview: 835-2291

DISTRICT HOME ECONOMIST SERVICES

Extend home economics information and education services to help rural people develop their abilities to manage their resources. Offer programs, publications and individual counselling in family resource management, foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, housing and leadership development. Works with Alberta food processors in products' promotion.

Local District Agriculturist or
Regional Directors
Regional Home Economists:

Lethbridge:	381-5132
Airdrie:	948-8502
Red Deer:	340-5376
Vermilion:	853-8109
Barrhead:	674-8264
Fairview:	835-2291

EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK WATER PROGRAM

To provide rental of equipment for filling farm water storages at reasonable rate.

Irrigation pumps and pipe are available at the rate of:
$100/day/pump
$200/day for first mile of pipe
$100/day for each additional mile

Available to all farmers in Alberta with preference given to those with livestock, subject to demand, equipment availability and source of water.

Rural Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2186

Livestock - 147-5091

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

To provide advice and information on matters such as business arrangements, estate planning, leasing, credit management, analysis of records, farm taxation, computer information and farm budgeting. Also organize Managing Agricultural Technology For Profit -- an annual three day seminar.

Head
Farm Business Management Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Box 2000
5030 - 50 Street
Olds, Alberta
TOM 1PO Telephone: 556-4240

FARM IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT, CONSULTATION AND SERVICES

Assist in the implementation and maintenance of functional farm irrigation systems by providing planning, design and advisory information and service. Such information is disseminated through the communication medias and personal interviews, both on farm and in the offices of the irrigation specialists and district agriculturists province-wide.

Irrigation Branch
Irrigation & Conservation Division
Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7 Telephone: 381-5152

FEED TESTING SERVICE

To analyze farm grown feedstuffs and crops for primary producers, provide recommendations for ration requirements and recommendations for crop production problems.

Director, Soil and Feed Testing Laboratory
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9150

HEALTH MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Responsible for veterinary health management through inspection health programs, education and farm visits. Field staff are responsible for enforcement of acts; collection of epidemiological data on diseases; administration of swine herd health and pasture programs; development of extension programs for producers and veterinarians; investigation of disease problems on farms and supervision of government-owned veterinary clinics.

Head
Health Management Branch
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9343

HOME-STUDY COURSES

Home-study courses on agricultural and rural topics are available at the following institutions and agencies:

Alberta Agriculture
Agricultural Education
7000-113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6 427-2404

Correspondence Office
Olds College
OLDS, Alberta
TOM 1P0 556-8355

REDA
14815 - 119 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5L 2N9 451-5959

Athabasca University
Box 10000
ATHABASCA, Alberta
T0G 2R0 675-6111
(collect)

Lakeland College
Vermilion Campus
VERMILION, Alberta
T0B 4M0 853-2971

Some of the home-study topics include: animal health, cattle nutrition, computers, engines, accounting and farm management, pesticides, soils, weed control and many others.

LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SERVICES

Responsible for the registration, renewal and transfer of cattle and horse brands; maintains and provides information from brand inspection records; licenses livestock dealers, agents and stockyards to protect livestock producers from unscrupulous trade practices; maintains and coordinates current information on all missing and stolen livestock; provides information on proper branding and identification practices; prepares and issues provincial brand books.

Co-ordinator
Regulatory Services
Alberta Agriculture
4809 48 Street
Stettler, Alberta
T0C 2L0 Telephone: 742-7570

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The market development group of Alberta Agriculture provides consultative and financial assistance to Alberta marketers of agricultural commodities processed food and feed products, and technical and consulting services.

Market development provides assistance to Alberta marketers in responding to the opportunities of the market - whether it is Alberta, Canada or the world.

Market development programs/services are available to Alberta based agricultural companies and associations, processors, marketers or consultants engaged in marketing.

Executive Director
Market Development Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Telephone: 427-4241

MARKETING SERVICES DIVISION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The primary objective of the marketing services division is to support and encourage the growth and development of Alberta's commodity, feed, food and beverage industry. In order to achieve this goal, it is necessary that this private sector agri-industry have access to human, technical and financial resources capable of supporting its development, processing, management, market maintenance and supply response goals.

Director,
Marketing Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Flr. J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-3166

The programs are implemented in co-ordination with the market development division to better able producers, producer groups and processors to market their products in an Alberta, Canadian or international context and, with other department divisions, to take advantage of identified development opportunities applicable to the production and processing sectors.

The marketing services division has been structured into five branches to best support this goal. The branches are:

- Food processing development centre
- Agricultural processing development branch
- Agri-Food development branch
- Business analysis branch
- Food laboratory services branch

Technical and skilled manpower and financial resources and programs are available to support the industry in its development objectives.

MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAMS

Designed to provide high quality seed cleaning and minimize the spread of weed seeds - three programs:

- establishment cost sharing
- upgrading cost sharing
- replacement cost sharing
- amalgamation cost sharing

Authorized under the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Cereal & Oilseed Section
Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service # 47
Lacombe, Alberta
TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641
or
Edmonton: 423-4214

ON-FARM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

To enable producers to become involved in regional on-farm testing and demonstration of new farm technology.
Any producer or farm organization with an innovative idea for a demonstration that could benefit farmers in the region or the agricultural industry as a whole can apply for a grant under this program.

Local District Agriculturist
or
Alberta Agriculture
Research Division
Room 202, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 427-1956

PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL: PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

Provides identification and control recommendations for plant disease and insects; provides plant identification and weed control recommendations. These services are provided by:

local district agriculturist
or
agricultural fieldman

- Alberta Environment Centre
  Bag Service 4000
  Vegreville, Alberta.
  T0B 4L0 Telephone: 632-6767

- Regional Crops Laboratory
  Horticulture Research Centre
  Brooks, Alberta
  T0J 0J0 Telephone: 362-5551

- Regional Crops Laboratory
  Box 10
  Olds, Alberta
  T0M 1P0 Telephone: 556-4282

- Regional Crops Laboratory
  Alberta Agriculture
  Box 7777
  Fairview, Alberta
  T0H 1L0 Telephone: 835-2291

PRODUCTION AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS BRANCH

This branch conducts research in applied agricultural production and resource economics. Also provided is an information service in the areas of crops, livestock, dairy, land and water resources and agricultural transportation. Studies are undertaken to determine the production costs and returns of various agricultural commodities by region and throughout the province with special emphasis on enterprise analysis. Regarding resource economics, the branch is responsible for determining the economic benefits and costs of land and water resource development and use in agriculture. Energy use in agriculture is also examined.

Head
Production & Resource Economics
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Production: 427-4005
Resource: 427-4026

All reports from the production section and some reports from the resource section are available for distribution.

SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Analysis of soils to determine plant available nutrient contents, soil acidity, alkalinity, soluble salts, levels of elements such as aluminum and manganese. Recommendations for fertility and cultural practices are then made to the submitter.

Director
Soil and Feed Testing Lab.
Alberta Agriculture
8th Floor
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 427-9150

WATER WELL RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT

Under the Water Well Recovery Program, compensation is available to farmers for the majority of their costs in re-establishing their damaged water supply if the alleged damage was caused by either seismic activity or the drilling of an oil or gas well. After making application under the Program the farmer must appear for a hearing before a committee chaired by the Farmers' Advocate or his designate to establish the validity of his claim.

Farmers' Advocate of Alberta
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2433
or
Rural Services Division
Room 201, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2186

IRRIGATION AND CONSERVATION DIVISION

Responsible for the promotion, support and management of programs and services to farmers, producer groups and local authorities throughout Alberta which are designated to encourage management and conservation techniques for the effective use of land and water resources for sustained agricultural production.

Programs and services are provided by three branches of the division:

CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT BRANCH Develops, promotes and transfers on-farm soil and water conservation and management technology.	P.J. Barlott, Alberta Agriculture J.G. O'Donoghue Building Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 422-4385
DRAINAGE BRANCH Develops and extends technical expertise in on-farm sub-surface drainage, seepage control and groundwater flow analysis.	B.A. Patterson Alberta Agriculture Agriculture Centre Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 Telephone: 381-5515
IRRIGATION BRANCH Assists in the implementation and maintenance of functional irrigation systems by providing planning, design and advisory information and services	Akos E. Pungor Alberta Agriculture Agriculture Centre Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 Telephone: 381-5140

Programs and services are geared to encourage beneficial and efficient use of soil and water resources to increase net farm income.

Programs and services are available to all farmers in Alberta. Irrigation branch programs are provided primarily for irrigation producers while conservation and development programs are provided province-wide primarily through local agricultural service boards.

NOTE: The additional services listed above are intended to provide an indication of the variety of services provided by Alberta Agriculture. Many other services are available. If you have a specific concern, contact your district extension office.